

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
16 MARCH 2011

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: **Board members not in attendance were:**

Craig VanDongen, DDS, Chairman Mary Lou Buonaccorsi
Christine Benoit, DMD, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Perlini, RDH,
Secretary
Henry Levin, DMD
Joseph Box, DDS
Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS
Robert Bartro, DMD
Maureen Ross, RDH
Bernard Manchester

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valarie Celentano, Executive Director, RIDA

Mary Ann Barry, RDH, RIDAA

At this time, Dr. VanDongen called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of 16 February 2011. Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Mr. Manchester expressed concern with regard to frequency of the election of officers and requested that in the future elections be held on an annual basis in a timely manner.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. Bartro reported the following Dental License had been issued since last meeting:

Ibrahim A. Shihadeh, DMD UCONN 2010 NERB 2010

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross reported the following dental hygiene licenses were issued since the last meeting:

Dental Hygiene Licenses

Laurie A. Gagne RDH – Quinsigamond 06 NERB 2006

Jane M. Giles, RDH – Univ. Maine 1984 NERB 1984

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits

Amy L. DiGiampietro, RDH – Bristol CC 2010 NERB2010

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permit

Ariana E. Quinlivan, RDH - Univ NE 2009 - NERB

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At this time, the Board reviewed the Proposed Pilot Study from DANB (Dental Assisting National Board) which would modify the eligibility criteria for the Certified Dental Assistant Exam. After review and discussion, the Board agreed with the proposed eligibility modification and the Chairman requested that Dr. Benoit prepare a response on behalf of the Board regarding DANB's proposal. Dr. Benoit will prepare the response and forward it to the Chairman for the Board's final approval.

Mr. Dundulis presented the most recent draft reflecting the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations. After review the following amendments were requested:

1.15 1.14 "Enteral" means any technique of administration in which the agent is absorbed through the gastrointestinal (GI) tract or oral mucosa (i.e., oral, rectal, sublingual).

Section 14.0 Non-Delegable (Exclusionary) Procedures/Duties

14.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections §12.0 and §13.0 of these Regulations herein, nothing in these rules and Regulations shall authorize a dental hygienist, certified dental assistant or dental assistant, to perform any of the following procedures or duties:

(5) Administering inhalants or inhalation conscious sedation agents [only applicable for certified dental assistant and dental assistant]; accept as permitted pursuant to Section 22.1

Section 15.0 General Requirements

15.2.1 As a condition for this approval, the Board, or its designee, may shall inspect all equipment utilized for the purpose of administering general anesthesia/deep sedation, inhalation conscious moderate sedation, combined conscious minimal sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, or nitrous oxide analgesia. Said equipment shall meet all applicable requirements of sections §23.1 and §23.2 of these Regulations herein.

21.2 Management of Services: Monitoring and Documentation

21.2.2 A dentist administering or permitting the administration of general anesthesia/deep sedation, inhalation conscious moderate sedation, combined conscious minimal sedation or nitrous oxide analgesia parenteral conscious sedation, shall ensure that the following monitoring and documentation requirements are met:

Section 22.1 Administration of Nitrous Oxide by Dental Hygienists

22.1.3 A dental hygienist qualified to administer nitrous oxide shall do so only under the direct supervision of a dentist. Dental hygiene faculty members who are licensed to administer nitrous oxide may do so within the scope of the academic setting of which they are

employed under the direct supervision of the program's consulting dentist in the event that a supervising dentist is not available

Mr.. Dundulis will make the proposed changes and send them to the Administrator. The Board will review the final draft at its next meeting on April 20, 2011.

Ms. Celentano advised the Board that the RIDA is opposed to allowing dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide. However, if dental hygienists are going to be allowed to administer nitrous oxide it feels it should only be administered under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in dental offices and within an academic setting.

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At this time, Dr. VanDongen, called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board entered into closed session at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Celentano recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 10:15 am.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

There were no decisions ratified nor business discussed during Closed Session to be reported in Open Session.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 16 March 2011 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Benoit,, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 19 January 2011.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 20 April 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded, by Dr. Bartro, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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